
NO. 494
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL
February 7, 2008
MINUTES

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Regional Council (RC) of the Southern California Association of Governments held its meeting at the downtown offices in Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Gary Ovitt, Supervisor, San Bernardino County. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Hon. Gary Ovitt, San Bernardino County, President	
Hon. Yvonne, Burke, Los Angeles County, Immediate Past President	
Hon Richard Dixon, Lake Forest 1 st Vice President	District 13
Hon. Harry Baldwin, San Gabriel, 2 nd Vice President	District 35
Hon. Victor Carrillo, Imperial Valley	
Hon. Linda Parks, Ventura County	
Hon. Jeff Stone, Riverside, County	
Hon. Jon Edney, El Centro	District 1
Hon. Ron Loveridge, Riverside	District 4
Hon. Ron Roberts, Temecula	District 5
Hon. Lee Ann Garcia, Grand Terrace	District 6
Hon. Larry McCallon, Highland	District 7
Hon. Paul Eaton, Montclair	District 9
Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario	District 10
Hon. Troy Edgar, Los Alamitos	District 20
Hon. Sharon Quirk, Fullerton	District 21
Hon. Leslie Daigle, Newport Beach	District 14
Hon. Lou Bone, Tustin	District 17
Hon. Robert Hernandez, Anaheim	District 19
Hon. John Beauman, Brea	District 22
Hon. Larry Nelson, City of Aretsia	District 23
Hon. Gene Daniels, Paramount	District 24
Hon. David Gafin, Downey	District 25
Hon. Frank Gurule, Cudahy	District 27
Hon. Judy Dunlap, Inglewood	District 28
Hon. Rae Gabelich, Long Beach	District 29
Hon. Mike Ten, South Pasadena	District 36
Hon. Tom Sykes, Walnut	District 37

Hon. Paula Lantz, Pomona	District 38
Hon. Paul Nowatka, Torrance	District 39
Hon. Carl Morehouse, San Buenaventura	District 47
Hon. Stan Carroll, La Habra Heights	District 31
Hon. Keith Hanks, Azusa	District 33
Hon. Margaret Clark, Rosemead	District 32
Hon. Barbara Messina, Alhambra	District 34
Hon. Jim Aldinger, Manhattan Beach	District 40
Hon. Frank Quintero, Glendale	District 42
Hon. Dennis Washburn, Calabasas	District 44
Hon. Glen Becerra, Simi Valley	District 46
Hon. Toni Young, Port Hueneme,	District 45
Hon. Debbie Cook, Huntington Beach	District 64
Hon. Tim Jasper, Apple Valley	District 65
Hon. Robin Lowe, Hemet	RCTC
Hon. Paul Leon, Ontario	SANBAG
Hon. Keith Millhouse, Moorpark	VCTC
Hon. Art Brown, Buena Park	OCTA

Members Not Present

Hon. Chris Norby, Orange County	
Hon. Zev Yaroslavsky, LA County	
Hon. Greg Pettis, Cathedral City	District 2
Hon. Bonnie Flickinger, Moreno Valley	District 3
Hon. Deborah Robertson	District 8
Hon. Lawrence Dale, Barstow	District 11
Hon. Paul Glabb, Laguna Niguel	District 12
Hon. Christine Barnes, La Palma	District 18
Hon. Isadore Hall, Compton	District 26
Hon. Tonia Reyes-Uranga, Long Beach	District 30
Hon. Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica	District 41
Hon. Ed Reyes, Los Angeles	District 48
Hon. Wendy Greuel, Los Angeles	District 49
Hon. Dennis Zine, Los Angeles	District 50
Hon. Tom LaBonge, Los Angeles	District 51
Hon. Jack Weiss, Los Angeles	District 52
Hon. Tony Cardenas, Los Angeles	District 53
Hon. Bernard Parks, Los Angeles	District 55
Hon. Jan Perry, Los Angeles	District 56
Hon. Herb Wesson, Los Angeles	District 57
Hon. Bill Rosendahl, Los Angeles	District 58
Hon. Greig Smith, Los Angeles	District 59
Hon. Eric Garcetti, Los Angeles	District 60
Hon. Jose Huizar, Jr., Los Angeles	District 61
Hon. Janice Hahn, Los Angeles	District 62

Hon. Thomas Buckley, Lake Elsinore
Hon. Andy Masiel, Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians
Hon. Antonio Villaraigosa, Los Angeles

District 63
At-Large

Staff Present

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director
Colin Lennard, General Counsel
Joe Burton, Chief Counsel
Shelia Stewart, Executive Assistant

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

President Ovitt called the meeting to order.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no comments.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made (Brown) to approve the remaining consent calendar items. Motion was SECONDED (Bone) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

3.1 Approval Items -

3.1.1 Minutes of January 3, 2008 Meeting

3.1.2 Amendments of SCAG Conflict of Interest Code

3.1.3 Charter of the Personnel Committee

3.2 Receive & File Items

3.2.1 Amendment, Contracts/Purchase Orders between \$5,000- \$250,000

4.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

4.1 Committee Appointments

President Ovitt made the following appointments: Hon. Sam Pedroza, Claremont, was appointed to the EEC, representing San Gabriel Valley COG; Hon. Leslie Daigle, Newport Beach was appointed to the Legislative Committee; and Hon. Bert Hack, Laguna Woods was appointed to the Aviation Task Force.

5.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Executive Committee Report

5.1.1 Ratification of Performance Agreement /Salary Compensation of Executive Director

A motion was made (Lowe) to ratify the performance agreement and salary compensation of the Executive Director. Motion was SECONDED (Garcia) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

6.2 Administration Committee Report

6.2.1 OWP Progress Report

A motion was made (Brown) to receive & file the progress report. Motion was SECONDED (Bone) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

6.2.2 Fulbright & Jaworski Contract

A motion was made (Loveridge) to approve the Fulbright and Jaworski Contract. Motion was SECONDED (Baldwin) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

6.2.3 Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the Agency For Toxic Substances and Disease Public Healthy Conference Grant Support Application

There was no report.

6.3 Community, Economic & Human Development Committee (CEHD) Report

There was no report.

6.4 Energy & Environment Committee Report (EEC)

6.4.1 Developing of Statewide Consensus on Funding and Support of Blueprint Planning

It was recommended that the item be brought back for consideration at the next meeting. Councilmember Washburn opposed.

6.4.2 Water Bond Planning Funds: Implementing Legislation

It was recommended that the item be brought back for consideration at the next meeting. There were no OBJECTIONS.

6.5 Transportation & Communications Committee (TCC)

There was no report.

6.6 Membership & Communications Subcommittee

Councilmember Becerra, Chair, announced that the City of Mission Viejo voted to join SCAG.

Councilmember Becarra also announced that Manny Medrano, KTLA-TV Channel 5 News Reporter was selected to receive the 2008 Regional Champion for Communication and Media. Manny Medrano's career has spanned more than three decades, not only in the news media but in the legal community. He recently returned to journalism in Los Angeles after serving as ABC News' Supreme Court reporter in Washington DC. Prior to that, he was a legal reporter for KNBC News in LA, providing expert legal analysis on several high profile trials.

Most recently, Mr. Medrano covered the release of SCAG's 2007 State of the Region Report, Draft RTP and RCP, providing the plans with in-depth coverage that has rarely been seen on broadcast media.

7.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Hasan Ikhata stated a number of organizational and staffing changes in January were made to enhance the efficiency, productivity, accountability and responsiveness of the organization. Mr. Ikhata stated that he will continue working with the Department Directors to implement these changes.

8.0 LEGISLATIVE REPORT

8.1 Overview and Presentation on Draft Proposals for SB 375

Members received an updated status on the progress of SB 375 in the legislative process, noting that the bill is in the Assembly Appropriations Committee, and the author's stated wish is to move the bill prior to the budget negotiations later in this session.

Staff briefed the Regional Council regarding ongoing negotiations between the author and local government, the building industry, environmental organizations and others. Senator Darrell Steinberg, will be invited to appear before the Regional Council at its March meeting to explain the bill's provisions, and to provide an updated status on negotiations.

8.2 Proposition 1B Goods Movement Funds Increasing Regional Share

The Regional Council discussed Prop 1B Goods Movement Funds. After a length discussion there was a consensus of the members present that a more equitable share of the funds should be reconsidered for this region.

Motion was made (Wapner) that a letter on behalf of the region be sent to the Governor regarding increasing Prop B funds for the region. Signatures of the Regional Council should also be included with the letter. Motion was seconded (Lowe) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

8.3 Update on Legislative Program Activities

A report on the legislative program activities was provided by SCAG Washington, D.C. Lobbyist. (Attached)

9.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

9.1 2008 RTP Growth Forecast

Hasan Ikhrata, Executive Director, presented an update regarding recent developments regarding the Regional Transportation Plan Growth Forecast.

10.0 CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

10.1 Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation
(Government Code Section 54956.9(a))
City of La Mirada v. SCAG; City of Irvine v. SCAG;
City of Palmdale v. SCAG

After returning from closed session, Colin Lennard, General Counsel, reported that there was nothing further to report.

10.2 Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated litigation
Significant exposure to litigation
Pursuant to Government Code Section §54956.9 (b):
Two potential cases

After returning from closed session, Colin Lennard, General Counsel, reported that there was nothing further to report.

11.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

12.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Regional Council will be held on Thursday, March 6, 2008 in downtown Los Angeles.

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director